ABSTRACT

$$\begin{array}{c|c} Q_1 \\ N \\ N \\ Q_2 \\ \end{array}$$

$$X \sim (CH_2)n - Z$$
 (Ia)

A pyrimidine derivative of formula (I) wherein, for example, R¹ is hydrogen, (1-6C)alkyl, (3-5C)alkenyl or (3-5C)alkynyl; Q₁ and Q₂ are independently selected from phenyl, naphthyl, indanyl and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthyl; and one or both of Q₁ and Q₂ bears on any available carbon atom one substituent of formula (Ia) [provided that when present in Q₁ the substituent of formula (Ia) is not adjacent to the -NH- link]; wherein, for example, X is CH₂, O, S or NH; Y is H or as defined for Z; Z is OH, SH, NH₂, (1-4C)alkoxy, (1-4C)alkylthio, -NH(1-4C)alkyl, -N[(1-4C)alkyl]₂ or -NH-(3-8C)cycloalkyl; n is 1, 2 or 3; m is 1, 2 or 3; and Q₁ and Q₂ may optionally bear other substituents selected, for example, from halogeno, (1-6C)alkyl, cyano and (2-4C)alkenyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt or in-vivo-hydrolysable ester thereof; are useful as anti-cancer agents; and processes for their manufacture and pharmaceutical compositions containing them are described.